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SUBJECT: VISIT OF EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS

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PRESIDENT CARTER MET WITH JENKINS AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON
APRIL 18. VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE, SECRETARY VANCE,
DR. HENRY OWEN, DR. BRZEZINSKI, AMBASSADOR HINTON,
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ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY LOWENSTEIN AND NSC STAFFER
ROBERT HORMATS ALSO PARTICIPATED. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS
OF MEETING:
--SUMMIT. THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE THAT THE
EC WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE LONDON SUMMIT. JENKINS OUT-
LINED HIS APPROACH TO THE SUMMIT: FURTHER DEBATE OVER
THE EXTENT OF STIMULATION APPROPRIATE FOR THE STRONGER

ECONOMIES WOULD BE STERILE. INSTEAD, DISCUSSION SHOULD FOCUS ON PROVIDING ADEQUATE FINANCING MECHANISMS, FOR BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, BECAUSE INCREASING THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL PROVIDE A NON-INFLATIONARY STIMULUS TO THE DEVELOPED NATIONS AS WELL. THE PRESIDENT INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT VIEW THE SUMMIT AS AN OCCASION FOR FURTHER ARGUMENT OVER STIMULATION.

--NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES. JENKINS REGARDED NORTH-SOUTH QUESTIONS AS ONE OF THE MOST PROMISING POSSIBLE AREAS AT THE SUMMIT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT SUMMIT INITIATIVES SHOULD AIM FOR RECIPROCITY, NOT CHARITY. JENKINS THOUGHT THAT THE GROUP OF 8 SHOULD NOT PRESENT ITS FULL PACKAGE UNTIL AFTER LONDON, BUT AGREED THAT THE WHOLE PACKAGE SHOULD BE TABLED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CIEC MINISTERIAL. HE AGREED WITH THE PRESIDENT THAT AN INCREASE IN IMF RESOURCES IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF STRATEGY TOWARD THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT DIRECTLY PART OF THE CIEC AGENDA.

--ENERGY. JENKINS INDICATED HE LOOKED FORWARD TO THE PRESIDENT'S ENERGY POLICY STATEMENT, NOTING THAT EUROPE IS, AND WILL REMAIN, MORE DEPENDENT ON IMPORTED ENERGY THAN THE US. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT CONSUMING AND PRODUCING NATIONS ALIKE HAVE AN INTEREST IN CONSERVATION. THE US WOULD LIKE TO SHARE TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT COSTS FOR NEW ENERGY SOURCES. WITH REGARD TO NUCLEAR ENERGY, THE PRESIDENT DISTINGUISHED REPROCESSING FROM

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EFFORTS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF ENRICHED URANIUM, CALLING THE ISSUE COMPLICATED AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPACT OF US ACTIONS ON OTHER NATIONS. JENKINS SAID EUROPEANS SHARE THE US VIEW OF THE DANGERS BUT MAY HAVE TO DEPEND ON REPROCESSING IF EVEN REDUCED TARGETS FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY ARE TO BE MET. THE PRESIDENT INDICATED WE UNDERSTOOD, NOTING THAT WHILE WE FOUND REPROCESSING UNECONOMICAL, WE WILL NOT IMPOSE OUR WILL ON OTHERS. IN REPLY TO JENKINS, THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO RENEW SUPPLIES OF ENRICHED URANIUM TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AGREEING THAT FAILURE TO DO SO WOULD PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE TO REPROCESSING.

--EC ENLARGEMENT. JENKINS SAID THERE WAS A REAL POSSIBILITY THAT GREECE, PORTUGAL AND SPAIN MIGHT JOIN THE COMMUNITY FAIRLY SOON. HE TERMED IT "POLITICALLY IMPERATIVE" FOR THE NINE TO ADMIT NEW MEMBERS. SUGGESTING THAT TOO RAPID ENTRY WOULD HARM BOTH THE EXISTING AND NEW MEMBERS, JENKINS SAID THAT THE ADDITION OF THREE

NEW MEMBERS WILL STRAIN EC MECHANISMS. THE PRESIDENT INDICATED US SUPPORT FOR ENLARGEMENT, BUT NO DESIRE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN EUROPEAN DECISION-MAKING.

--BELGRADE CSCE MEETING. THE PRESIDENT STRESSED THE NEED FOR CAREFUL PREPARATIONS, SAYING THAT WE WANT THE MEETING TO ANALYZE IMPLEMENTATION BUT NOT BE DIVISIVE. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER APPARENT EUROPEAN READINESS TO ACCEPT THE BREZHNEV PROPOSALS WITHOUT CONSULTING US. JENKINS AGREED THAT THOSE PROPOSALS SHOULD NOT BE

MIXED UP WITH BELGRADE, ALTHOUGH HE THOUGHT SOME MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE.

--MTN. JENKINS APPLAUSED THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION ON SHOES. HE HOPED THAT PROGRESS COULD BE MADE IN THE MTN

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DURING L977, ALTHOUGH HE AGREED THAT IT WAS UNWISE TO SET A DEADLINE FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE WOULD TRY TO REPEAT THE SHOE OUTCOME FOR MUSHROOMS, COLOR TELEVISIONS AND OTHER PRODUCTS, NOTING HE HAD BEEN SURPRISED BY THE EXTENT OF PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT. PRESIDENT CARTER AND JENKINS AGREED THAT THE SUMMIT COULD SET TRADE ISSUES IN A LARGER CONTEXT WHICH WOULD BE USEFUL DOMESTICALLY FOR EACH OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

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